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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue — 18 September 2001: "Dag Hammarskjöld" stamps**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Tuesday, 18 September 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue three commemorative stamps to mark the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the death of Dag Hammarskjöld, who served as Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1953 to 1961. Mr. Hammarskjöld died in a tragic plane accident on 18 September 1961 while on a peace mission in the Congo.

2. It may be recalled that, on 17 September 1962, UNPA issued a memorial stamp on the first anniversary of the death of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld to pay tribute to all of those who had lost their lives in the service of the United Nations.

3. The original artwork for the present series of commemorative stamps was created by Olav S. Mathiesen (Denmark). The design was adapted as a stamp by Robert Stein (United Nations). The stamps will be in denominations of 80 cents, F.s. 2,00 and S 7/€ 0,51.

(United States equivalents — F.s. 2,00: $1.12 and S 7/€ 0,51: 44 cents — subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

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General information

4. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Tuesday, 18 September, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) Counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

5. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

6. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.